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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

[0066] The temperature sensitive layer 80 (or the cover 40, if it is composed of a temperature sensitive material) may be composed of any material that changes properties in a manner that does not adversely affect the operation of the reduced pressure appliance 30. Preferably, the temperature sensitive layer 80 is composed of a material that changes color, or changes from one shade of a color to another shade of the same color, as the temperature of the material changes. The change in color or shade preferably occurs within the temperature range that may be expected in the area of the wound 25. In other words, the change in color or shade of the material should be significant enough to adequately indicate changes in temperature within the range of temperatures expected in the area of the wound 25. More preferably, the temperature sensitive material is a material that changes color temperature in the range from approximately 95 degrees Fahrenheit ~~Farenheit~~ to approximately 105 degrees Fahrenheit ~~Farenheit~~.